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SUBJ: CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE FOR NEW POWER PLANT

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1. THE GENERAL MANAGER OF CADAPE, THE GOVT UTILITY, ANNOUNCED THAT CONSTRUCTION OF THE "CENTRO" STEAM POWER PLANT NEAR PUERTO CABELLO IS TO BEGIN BY THE END OF 1975. COST OF THE INITIAL STAGE, WHICH IS TO HAVE 700 MW IS ESTIMATED TO BE BS 1BILLION. THE FINAL PLANT IS INTENDED TO HAVE A CAPACITY OF 2,000 MW.
2. DISTRIBUTION OF THE ENERGY WILL BE THROUGH A 400 KV TRANSMISSION LINE TO A SUB-STATION, WHERE THE PLANT WILL BE INTERCONNECTED WITH THE POWER FROM GURI DAM AND FROM THE STEAM PLANT NEAR CARACAS.
3. CARACAS HAD A COMPLETE POWER BREAKDOWN ON MAY 17 WHICH LASTED FOR OVER 90 MINUTES AND AFFECTED NEIGHBORING STATES. THE BREAKDOWN WAS CAUSED BY A TRUCK-TRAILER HITTING AND BURSTING A PRIMARY NATURAL GAS PIPELINE FEEDING THE CARACAS POWER PLANTS. SINCE WORK WAS BEING DONE ON THE 400 KV LINES FORM GURI DAM, SEVERAL SAFETY FEATURES WERE OUT OF OPERATION AND THE COMBINATION OF THE TWO CAUSES RESULTED IN STOPPAGE OF ALL STEAM TURBINES IN CARACAS, WITH A POWER SURGE INTO THE GUI SYSTEM WHICH IN TURN CAUSED TRIPPING OF BREAKERS IN OTHER AREAS. THE CARACAS GENERATING

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SYSTEM WAS SWITCHED TO FUEL OIL AND EXCITER CURRENT FROM SMALL

PEAK LOAD PLANTS WAS USED TO RE-START THE TURBINE GENERATORS.

4. CADAGE FEELS THIS INCIDENT IS THE IMPETUS FOR SPEEDY
CONSTRUCTION OF MORE ALTERNATE GENERATING PLANTS.
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